

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Virgil H. Herriott was born and raised on a farm in Iowa, and later moved his own family to South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Virgil and his wife, Ruth, lived in the communities of Watertown and Colman prior to moving to Brookings in 1967, and also maintained a home at Lake Poinsett on a part-time basis from 1960 to 1989; and,

Whereas, Virgil can be proud of a distinguished 40-year career in the rural electrification program, mostly in South Dakota, and retiring as general manager of Sioux Valley Electric; and,

Whereas, Virgil was elected as the mayor of Brookings in 1999, under the new council/manager form of government, and assisted in clearly defining the council's new role as a policy making body, and the city manager's new role for policy administration during the time of transition for Brookings; and,

Whereas, Virgil maintained a very positive, forward thinking philosophy as mayor, and saw one of his most important tasks as one to lead the city council in their efforts to recruit and employ a highly qualified, professional city manager to administer the city's affairs; and,

Whereas, Virgil and Ruth will move to Oakdale, Minnesota, in May, to be closer to their daughter, 3 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, and to be more involved in their lives and activities; and,

Whereas, Virgil H. Herriott will be honored at a reception on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, for his service as mayor of Brookings:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2003, as

VIRGIL H. HERROTT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in honoring and wishing him good health and happiness going forward.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

